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SUBJECT: BRAZIL: SALES POLICY FOR SUGAR, 1975

- 1. IN VIEW SECRETARY BUTZ' DISCUSSIONS ON JUNE 23 WITH PRESIDENT OF SUGAR AND ALCOHOL INSTITUTE (RIO), FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY IAA INTERESTING.
- 2. STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR, EXPORT DIVISION OF IAA: QUOTE, BRAZIL WILL NOT SELL ANY QUANTITY OF SUGAR TO FOREIGN MARKETS BEFORE THE COMING MONTH OF OCTOBER, AWAITING EVENTUAL MARKET CHANGES AS A RESULT OF THE BEGINNING OF THE EUROPEAN SUGAR MARKETING. END QUOTE.
- 3. COMMENT: INFORMATION ABOUT A REDUCTION OF THIS YEAR'S BEET SUGAR CROP, WHICH HAVE LIGHTLY PRESSED PRICES UPWARD DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS, ARE NOT DEFINITE YET AND COULD BE CONFIRMED OR DENIED DURING THE COMING MONTH OF AUGUST.
- 3. IN BRAZIL'S CENTRAL SOUTHERN REGION, IS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED (NO PLAUSIBLE REASON WAS GIVEN) THAT SUGAR PRODUCTION UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE 10 PERCENT (OR ABOUT 8 MILLION SIXTY KILO BAGS)

SMALLER THAN EXPECTED. BRAZIL'S SUGAR SALES OBJECTIVE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1975 IS TO REACH 2.5 MILLION METRIC TONS. BRAZIL'S SUGAR SALES TO DATE HAVE TOTALED 899,836 TONS EARNING US\$742.6 MILLION. THE MAJOR BUYER CONTINUES TO BE JAPAN.

4. BRAZIL'S MONTHLY SUGAR EXPORTS DURING 1975 THROUGH JUNE:

 METRIC TONS
 US\$MILLION

 JANUARY
 222,690
 \$235.5

 FEBRUARY
 127,707
 120.8

 MARCH
 127,968
 110.9

 APRIL
 238,378
 176.2

 MAY
 80,127
 49.7

JUNE (THROUGH THE 26TH) 102.966 49.5

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